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## McClellan AFB Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting (Formerly Executive Session) Minutes June 3, 1998

**Members attending:** Paul Brunner, DoD Co-Chair; Chuck Yarbrough, Community Co-Chair; Randy Adams, DTSC; Barry Bertrand; Del Callaway, Mannard Gaines; Bill Gibson; Sheila Guerra; Joe Healy, U.S. EPA; Jeannie Lewis; Tom O'Donnell; Linda Piercy; Bill Shepherd; Imogene Zander

**Members not attending:** Brad Gacke; Diana Maffei, Rep. Fazio's office; Ben Norman; Simeon Okoroike; Cody Tubbs, Rep. Matsui's office

**Others attending:** Elaine Anderegg, alternate DoD Co-Chair; Gerdhard Blauth; Jamie Cameron-Harley, McClellan AFB; Donald Harmata; Kerri Hartung, Radian International; Dennis Lewis, alternate RAB member; Frank Miller; Ken Peachey, alternate RAB member; Tony Piercy, alternate RAB member

### INTRODUCTION, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Note:** Chairpersons Committee members thought the name of the Executive Session was confusing to the public. Based on the name, the public might think the Executive Session was a closed meeting. The committee members therefore agreed at their May 21, 1998, meeting to rename the Executive Sessions and instead call them RAB Meetings. Restoration Advisory Board meetings held in January, April, July, and October will be referred to as RAB Public Meetings.*

The meeting started at approximately 6:30 p.m. Sheila Guerra said she finds the change in name of the Executive Session confusing and wanted to know if other members thought the same. Chuck Yarbrough said that could be discussed later in the meeting.

### ACTION ITEMS

Please refer to the attached list of action items.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The final April 15, 1998, RAB Public Meeting minutes were discussed. Minutes from the previous meeting (December 3, 1997, Executive Session) were not discussed. The following comments were provided:

- Del Callaway asked why the distribution list for the final April 15, 1998, RAB Public Meeting minutes included all attendees. He said mailing costs for these people were not part of the budget. Jamie Cameron-Harley said that all people who attend the meetings and provide an address requesting minutes will be sent a copy of the final minutes.

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- Mr. Callaway said he thought that the letter attached to the April 15, 1998, RAB Public Meeting minutes describing how to request documents through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) should be removed from the minutes. He said because it was not part of the draft minutes, he did not have an opportunity to comment on it. He said that the base addresses open action items at the subsequent meeting. Mr. Callaway said that instructing people to request documents through the FOIA process makes it look like the base is hiding something. Ms. Guerra asked if comments on the FOIA letter could be offered at the July 15, 1998, RAB Public Meeting. Mr. Yarbrough said yes. Mr. Yarbrough said that attaching information to meeting minutes is how the base has responded to action items in the past. Bill Gibson said that providing information on how to request documents via FOIA was part of the action items from the April 15, 1998, RAB Public Meeting and he did not see why it should be taken out of the minutes. Joe Healy suggested that responses to action items could be mailed in the same envelope but not attached.
- Ms. Guerra asked why Congressman Pombo's office has not been receiving the minutes. She requested that copies of past minutes be sent to his representative.
- Frank Miller said Environmental Management (EM) failed to respond to his request for the cost of brochures. Paul Brunner said that his response is prepared but was scheduled to be presented at the July 15, 1998, RAB Public Meeting before name and function of the Executive Session meetings were changed.

Mr. Yarbrough moved to accept the final minutes of the April 15, RAB Public Meeting as written. Ms. Guerra seconded the motion. Eight members voted in favor, one was opposed, and one abstained. The motion was approved.

### **REVIEW OF PAST OPEN ACTION ITEMS**

There was no change in status to past open action items.

### **VOTE ON RAB MEMBER APPLICATIONS**

Ms. Guerra introduced Imogene Zander and Linda and Tony Piercy, who applied for membership on the RAB. The applicants then provided some information on their background and interests:

- The Piercys live off of Ascot Avenue on the City of Sacramento side of the street. Ms. Piercy said she is a community member who has lived at her current address, close to the base, for 11 years. She said she has been involved in several community plans, and is interested in what is happening at the base and with reuse.
- Mr. Piercy said his background is the same as Ms. Piercy's, and that he wants to know about what happens at the base, especially with respect to the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) and the vernal pools.
- Ms. Zander said the base dumped a lot of chemicals in the past and if the EVOC succeeds, the contamination will be covered up with asphalt and will never be cleaned up.

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Restoration Advisory Board members raised the following questions:

- Jeannie Lewis asked what Ms. Zander's interests were in base cleanup. Ms. Zander said she has been interested in base cleanup for years.
- Mr. Callaway asked if the new applicants were willing to join a committee, which usually meets quarterly and is a requirement of membership.
- Mr. Brunner asked if both of the Piercys wanted to be full members or if one wanted to be an alternate to the other. Mr. Piercy said he works the graveyard shift and is trying to change that schedule over the summer so that he can be a RAB member.

After some discussion, Ms. Piercy said she would apply to be the primary member, and that Mr. Piercy would be her alternate for the summer. Mr. Piercy would then apply to be a full member in the fall. Ms. Zander said she wants Ken Peachey to be her alternate.

Ms. Guerra told the applicants that alternates do not vote. Mr. Gibson said that alternates need to apply and be voted on like full members. Mr. Callaway said that per the charter a RAB member has the option of appointing his or her alternate.

Mr. Yarbrough moved to accept Ms. Piercy and Ms. Zander as RAB members. The Community Relations Committee seconded the motion when it recommended that applications be approved. Ten members voted in favor, none were opposed. The motion was approved.

Ms. Guerra said the new members would receive calendars, charters, and RAB resource books and can call any of the committee chairs for information.

### **RAB ADVISORY WORKSHEET STATUS**

#### **Worksheet 1105-01 – Update RAB Committee List**

Ms. Cameron-Harley handed out a listing of committee memberships for meeting attendees to update. Those in attendance updated the listing and this worksheet is now closed.

#### **Worksheet 0401-01 – VOC Feasibility Study**

Ms. Guerra is leading the review of the *Volatile Organic Compound Feasibility Study* (VOC FS). Mr. Gibson, Mr. Yarbrough, Mr. Callaway, and Mr. Bertrand are reviewing the document with Ms. Guerra. The review schedule has been extended for both the regulators and the public. Comments need to be provided by June 29, 1998. Mr. Gibson said that he is planning to present preliminary RAB comments at the June 17 and 18, 1998, agency meetings. In response to a question from Mr. Brunner, Elaine Anderegge said that time was scheduled during the agency meetings to discuss the VOC FS so that preliminary comments and questions could be discussed. The reviewers agreed to meet on Monday, June 15, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. at Carrows Restaurant on Watt Avenue in order to discuss the document before the June agency meetings.

### **COMMUNITY CO-CHAIR COMMENTS**

#### **Combining the Reuse and Relative Risk Committees**

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Mr. Yarbrough explained that at the last meeting of the Relative Risk Ranking Committee, the committee recommended it be combined with the Reuse Committee. The RAB must approve that change. Currently, Ms. Guerra is the Community Relations Committee Chair, Mr. Callaway is the Reuse Committee Chair, and Barry Bertrand has been acting as chair for the Relative Risk Ranking Committee. The Technical Report Review Committee is without a chair. Mr. Yarbrough said there would still be two chairs and the committees could meet separately if needed. Mr. Yarbrough asked if Mr. Bertrand would like to remain the chair for the Relative Risk Ranking Committee or chair the Technical Report Review Committee. Mr. Bertrand said he would like to stay chair of the Relative Risk Ranking Committee. The following points were raised during the ensuing discussion:

- Randy Adams said that he thought Reuse and Relative Risk Ranking would be a good combination.
- Mr. Gibson clarified that at the last Relative Risk Ranking meeting the committee motioned to combine the two committees into one, with one chair.

Mr. Brunner moved to adopt the Relative Risk Ranking Committee's motion. The Relative Risk Ranking Committee seconded the motion when it recommended that the two committees combine into one. Twelve members voted in favor, none were opposed. The motion was approved. Mr. Callaway will be chair of the combined committees.

### **Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Program**

Mr. Yarbrough said he has contacted an engineering consultant, Patrick Stokes, who could provide support for the RAB's TAPP project. Mr. Stokes has worked for a number of Bay Area RABs. Mr. Adams said the RAB needs to check Mr. Stokes' credentials and make sure they are happy with his skills. Mr. Yarbrough said he would ask him to attend a RAB meeting on his own time to meet members.

Mr. Brunner said that the RAB point of contact would be involved with developing the Scope of Work for the TAPP project. The project would then need to be validated and after validation it could go under contract.

Mr. Brunner asked if Mr. Bertrand was still interested in being the point of contact for the RAB. Mr. Bertrand said that family concerns might limit the time he could provide. Ms. Lewis said that she could be the RAB point of contact because she will be available during the summer. Mr. Yarbrough moved to approve Ms. Lewis as the RAB point of contact for the TAPP. Mr. Callaway seconded the motion. Twelve members voted in favor, none were opposed. The motion was approved. Mr. Brunner said he would be in contact with Ms. Lewis to set up a time to meet.

### **Restoration Advisory Board Charter, Bylaws, and Rules of Order**

Mr. Yarbrough passed out proposed changes to the RAB Charter, Bylaws, and Rules of Order (see attached). Ms. Lewis asked that a date of modification be added to distinguish them from past versions. Mr. Yarbrough said the changes could be reviewed at the next Chairpersons Meeting. Mr. Brunner agreed.

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Mr. Yarbrough said that, currently, changing the charter requires a 2/3 vote of all members. He said that, currently, changing the RAB Rules of Order and Bylaws requires 50% of those in attendance at the meeting. The RAB Rules of Order disagrees with the Charter, but the Charter takes precedence. Mr. Yarbrough said the chairs will work on resolving this inconsistency.

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## BCT Update

Mr. Yarbrough passed out a letter from the Air Force to Lockheed Martin and AAI regarding the cleanup of the contamination. Mr. Brunner said the letter is addressed to all potential reuse companies to offer them some level of comfort regarding the potential third party responsibility for cleanup.

Mr. Yarbrough passed out an article on land mitigation.

## Other Comments

Mr. Yarbrough said that the people participating in the June Restoration Tour were to meet at 5:40 p.m. tomorrow, June 4, 1998, at the museum. There will be no training during July and August.

## RIDESHARE

Meeting attendees discussed the Rideshare Program at McClellan AFB. The following points were raised during the discussion:

- Ms. Guerra said that she brought up Rideshare for discussion because it has been brought up often by Frank Miller at past meetings and his questions have not been answered. Ms. Guerra provided a breakdown of how Rebecca Garrison, Rideshare Coordinator, spent the 1996 grant money she received from Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD), as documented in Ms. Garrison's Trip Reduction Report. Ms. Guerra said Ms. Garrison is required to file reports on a regular basis, but that she does not have to offer any data to validate her reports. Ms. Guerra asked why so much money is being spent for the Rideshare contract when volunteers and grant money are used. Ms. Guerra said our tax dollars are used for Rideshare and that it is a waste of our money. Ms. Guerra said that she asked to meet with Ms. Garrison, who runs the Rideshare Program, and that Ms. Garrison initially agreed to this. Ms. Garrison then later said that she could no longer discuss the program with Ms. Guerra.
- Mr. Brunner said that he later asked Ms. Garrison to meet with Ms. Guerra and that Ms. Guerra has not been available. Mr. Brunner said that the Inspector General, who has been researching Mr. Miller's claims that the Rideshare program is a wasteful use of tax dollars, has tried to contact Ms. Guerra and that she has not responded. He said that Rideshare is not a RAB issue.
- Mr. Yarbrough, Ms. Guerra, Ms. Lewis, and Ms. Zander said they felt that Rideshare is a RAB issue. Mr. Yarbrough said that Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Tad McColl told him RABs can bring up non-restoration issues.
- Ms. Zander said that she lives nearby and there has been no change in the number of people driving into the base. Mr. Brunner said the number of people driving onto the base has decreased. Ms. Zander questioned why Rideshare would still be needed if the number of people driving on base has decreased. Mr. Brunner said that although the number has decreased, there are still approximately 10,000 employees. This is a large group that could provide benefit to the area by participating in Rideshare.

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- Mr. Miller said that the use of grant money is based on trust and that no grant money is ever refunded. He said there are more cost-effective alternatives than Ms. Garrison's contract.
- Donald Harmata, Ms. Garrison's attorney, quoted a letter from SMAQMD praising the Rideshare program. He said that Ms. Garrison provides intellectual services that the government does not have and that is why the Rideshare program is contracted out. He said that people are free to criticize the government program and contract, but that they should not make defamatory statements about Ms. Garrison. He gave Mr. Callaway and Ms. Guerra his business card if they wanted to contact him.
- Mr. Gibson said that he is an engineer with many years of experience, and that he had done a study in the past for SMAQMD about effects in Sacramento County of auto exhausts on human health. He said that his study showed that funds spent on programs (such as Rideshare) to reduce auto pollution were returned many times in value of human lives saved or improved, thus justifying the costs of such programs.
- Mr. Callaway said that the RAB would like to know how the money is being spent in relationship to the tons of clean air received. He said the RAB wants to see the contract because the government cannot furnish help and supplies unless they are written into the contract. He said Mr. Brunner's first instruction to Ms. Garrison to not discuss Rideshare with Ms. Guerra makes the base look like they are hiding something.
- Ms. Lewis said that she wanted to know ahead of time that this topic would be on the agenda.

The following questions were raised during the discussion:

- Mr. Yarbrough asked if EM staff could manage the Rideshare program and save government jobs. Mr. Yarbrough acknowledged that Ms. Garrison's skills might be unique.
- Ms. Piercy asked if they have the right to see the information and determine for themselves if there's a problem.
- Mr. Callaway asked if Ms. Garrison's reports were available to them. Mr. Brunner said they were available through SMAQMD.
- Dennis Lewis asked if Ms. Garrison worked for other agencies as well as McClellan AFB. Mr. Brunner said no, that she receives funding from other agencies to support McClellan's Rideshare program.

Mr. Yarbrough said that Ms. Guerra should follow up on the opportunities Mr. Brunner has provided for her to meet with Ms. Garrison and talk to the Inspector General. Ms. Guerra said that she would meet with Ms. Garrison in the near future.

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## COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Community Relations Committee

#### Motion To Hold Meetings Off Base

Ms. Guerra said that at the March 18, 1998, Community Relations Committee meeting a motion was made to hold all meetings off base. Mr. Yarbrough said the reason behind this is that it is getting harder for community members to get on base.

Mr. Callaway asked how much it costs to use Vineland School. Ms. Lewis said that it costs \$5 per hour. She said she thought it might be possible to use the room for free because the RAB is a public benefit group, and that she would talk to the school district about this.

Ms. Guerra moved to approve the motion to hold all meetings off base. The Community Relations Committee seconded the motion when it recommended all meetings be held off base. Seven members voted in favor, three abstained, and none were opposed. The motion was approved.

#### Motion To Stop Taping Meetings

Ms. Guerra said that at the March 18, 1998, Community Relations Committee meeting a motion was made to no longer tape meetings. Mr. Callaway moved to support the committee's motion. He said the original intent of the tape recorder was to complete minutes faster and for them to be more accurate. Mr. Callaway also said that a meeting tape for minutes that were final had not been erased. The minute taker present at this meeting said that all tapes from past meetings had been erased. Members discussed the motion. The following points were raised:

- Ms. Lewis said the RAB has nothing to hide, and she did not see any reason to stop taping. She said that this was discussed in the past and that the group had resolved that taping was acceptable.
- Mr. Lewis said that if taping meetings helps the minutes to be more accurate and makes it easier to write minutes, then they should be taped.
- Ms. Zander, Mr. Yarbrough, and Ms. Piercy said they thought taping the meeting was fine.

The Community Relations Committee seconded the motion when it recommended that meetings no longer be taped. One member voted in favor, four were opposed, and five abstained. The motion did not pass.

#### Other Items

The Action Item for Mr. Brunner to locate a desk and computer in EM that RAB members could use was discussed. Ms. Lewis said that she did not see a need for it. Ms. Guerra said she does not have a computer and that it would be useful to her. Mr. Yarbrough said that a computer is available at the Rio Linda Library.



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Ms. Guerra said the next Community Relations Committee meeting will be on June 17, 1998, from 6–8 p.m. Ms. Lewis is taking care of arrangements to have the meeting at Vineland School.

### Reuse Committee

Mr. Callaway said that the Planning Team has not yet started to meet.

He said that the final April 7, 1998, Relative Risk Ranking Committee minutes contained a map of the base highlighting the creeks exiting the base. Mr. Callaway wanted to know where the base got the information for the map. He compared the map in the minutes to a map in the Quarterly Status Report (QSR), and said that the location of Arcade Creek is not the same. He said that the map attached to the minutes is wrong. He said that “CRP” is not included in the acronym list in the QSR. Mr. Callaway said the little inconsistencies display a lackadaisical attitude that makes it look like the base is hiding things. *Note: A revised map is attached. McClellan has notified the contractor that produces the QSR to improve their process so that acronyms are properly included.*

Mr. Adams thanked Mr. Callaway for pointing out the errors. He said that things need to be put in perspective and the RAB needs to look at the big picture, and that it is human to make mistakes. He said when people work as a team, they can point out mistakes, correct them, and move forward to focus on cleanup of the base. He said his time tonight had not been put to the best use because there was very little discussed that related to base cleanup.

### CLOSING COMMENTS

Since the RAB voted that all meetings would be held off base, the meeting attendees decided that the next Chairpersons Meeting on June 10, 1998, would be held at Carrows Restaurant on Watt Avenue near the base.

Mr. Yarbrough said that anyone with questions about the vernal pool incident could stay after the meeting to talk to Mr. Brunner. Mr. Brunner said that he is open to interact with anyone about any questions they have.

Ms. Piercy said that as an observation from her first meeting as a RAB member, there needs to be a lot of respect for one another, and things need to be communicated more gently if the group is to work together.

Mr. Brunner said that Margaret Gidding and Ms. Cameron-Harley are both leaving; Ms. Gidding will be working for the federal government in Washington, D.C., and Ms. Cameron-Harley will be working for the state of California. Ms. Cameron-Harley’s last day is June 19, 1998, and Ms. Gidding’s last day is close to that time. Linda Geissinger will be taking Ms. Gidding’s place temporarily.

Mr. Miller raised questions about the TAPP and Rideshare. Mr. Yarbrough adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.